

## **The Miami Group Sierra Club has organized a Legislative Action Committee and is seeking additional members to sign on.**

This committee is for members interested in advancing the Sierra Club's public policy goals through direct engagement with elected representatives and government agency regulators.

The activities of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) are directed toward supporting the [Sierra Club Strategic Plan Overarching Visionary Goals](#). Relying on this strategic plan for guidance, the committee focuses its energy on achieving two objectives.

First, the LAC strives to support political action that Club leadership has prioritized. At each level – local, state, and national – the Sierra Club has organized teams of professional staffers and volunteers who focus on specific issues of concern. These policy teams develop policy positions for the club and monitor government as it works to enact new laws and change regulations. Keeping up with the amount and complexity of information that is reported out by our policy teams can be challenging.

Staying on top of this policy information is the first task of the Legislative Action Committee. We then work to inform our members about the Club's political goals using Email, social media, and scheduled meetings. The challenge for committee volunteers is to build and maintain an effective communications process.

The LAC's second objective is motivating club members to act by getting personally involved. In political terms, personal involvement means participating in the democratic process, by doing things such as meeting with elected representatives, attending public hearings, and spreading the word about the Sierra Club's concerns.

Committee members' duties could include:

- Conducting analysis of Sierra Club policy objectives and preparing fact sheets which summarize the material.
- Collaborating with Sierra Club professional staff and other volunteer committees on grassroots political activity and lobbying campaigns.
- Planning for and participating in lobbying meetings with elected representatives and other government office holders.
- Developing and conducting public presentations for Sierra Club members designed to encourage grassroots political activity.
- Attending club meetings to gather information and encouraging members to take constructive action that will affect policy outcomes.
- Working with Sierra Club national's volunteer lobbying team to maintain the [Legislator Dashboard](#), our Miami Group's voting record scoring tool.

- Working with the group's communication team on social media broadcasts and Email blasts to members.

An individual's volunteer commitment to LAC activities can be very flexible. Attending monthly meetings recommended; however, many LAC projects permit volunteers to work independently or collaborate with others via telephone and Email. The LAC meets at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month. If you are interested in learning more about the Legislative Action Committee and how you might contribute, consider attending the next meeting ([Sierra Club/Miami Group Meeting Calendar](#)) or contact Rich Jordan ([richard.jordan.oh@gmail.com](mailto:richard.jordan.oh@gmail.com)).

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